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FAIRBANKS-DELTA AREA FORESTRY

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALES

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives notice under A.S. 38.05.945 that **certain timber will be sold at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on June 23, 2017** at the Fairbanks Area Office, 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska. The Director of the Division of Forestry has made a written finding under A.S. 38.05.035(e) that the sales will be in the best interest of the State. The Division of Forestry is offering **5 Timber Sales** in the Fairbanks Area. All sales have all season access.

NC-1501-F Cell Spruce: a 37.5-acre sale of a single unit with all-season access; is located approximately 50 miles southeast of Fairbanks. The sale does not require new road construction, however, maintenance of the access roads will be at the PURCHASER'S expense. Maintenance may include grading and some road reconditioning depending on seasonal weather events. The sale is designated on the ground within Sections 16 and 21, Township 7 South, Range 6 East, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$10,840.08. The contract will expire on May 31, 2020. The bid deposit will be 10% of the bid price. The performance bond for the sale is \$1,100.00, or 10% of the final bid price whichever is greater, to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge.

NC-1550-F, Halfaspruce #2: a 54.7-acre sale of a single unit with all season access; is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Fairbanks. At milepost 327 on the Parks Highway turn north and immediately east onto the secondary road. Continue for approximately 2.2 miles and the harvest unit will be on the south side of the road. The sale does not require new road construction; however, maintenance of the existing access roads will be at the PURCHASER'S expense. Maintenance may include grading and some road reconditioning depending on seasonal weather events. The proposed sale area is located within sections 16 and 21 of Township 2 South, Range 5 West, Fairbanks Meridian. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$21,132.39. The contract will expire on May 31, 2020. The bid deposit will be 10% of the bid price. The performance bond for the sale is \$2,100.00, or 10% of the final bid price whichever is greater, to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge.

NC-1577-F, Dunbar West Birch: a 45.9-acre sale of one unit, with all season access, is located approximately 30 miles west of Fairbanks outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough and within the boundaries of the Tanana Valley State Forest. The sale does not require new road construction; however, maintenance of the access roads will be at the PURCHASER'S expense. Maintenance may include grading and some road reconditioning depending on seasonal weather events. The proposed sale area is located within Sections 22, 23, 26 and 27 of Township 1 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$13,355.37. The contract will expire on May 31, 2020. The bid deposit will be 10% of the bid price. The performance bond for

the sale is **\$1,300.00**, or 10% of the final bid price whichever is greater, to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge.

NC-1579-F, Two Rivers Birch East: a 35.4 acre of one unit with all season access is located approximately 17 miles northeast of Fairbanks within the Fairbanks North Star Borough and within the boundaries of the Tanana Valley State Forest. The sale is accessed from Fairbanks by driving east on the Chena Hot Springs Road to milepost 18. At this point turn north on the Two Rivers road and drive 4.4 miles to an intersection. At the intersection, Turn left (northwest) and drive approximately 1.4 miles down to the start of the proposed access road. Approximately 0.9 miles of new secondary road would need to be constructed to access the sale. Maintenance of the all season access roads will be at the PURCHASER's expense. The proposed sale area is located within Sections 11 and 14 of Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Fairbanks Meridian. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$14,010.44. The contract will expire on May 31, 2021. The bid deposit will be 10% of the bid price. A performance bond for the sale is \$1,400.00, or 10% of the final bid price whichever is greater, to be returned upon successful completion of the sale and project to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge, plus a project bond of \$600.00 to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge.

NC-1582-F, Little Goldstream Spruce: a 26.5-acre sale of one unit with all season access is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Fairbanks. At milepost 316.5 on the Parks Highway turn south onto the secondary road. Continue south for approximately 1.4 miles on the existing all-season road. At this point turn north on the existing spur road and continue through the previously harvested unit. Continue east from the end of this spur road where an additional 0.8 miles of new road construction is to be built to the sale boundary. The proposed sale area is located within Section 12 of Township 3 South, Range 7 West Fairbanks Meridian. The minimum acceptable bid will be \$8,622.96. The contract will expire on May 31, 2020. The bid deposit will be 10% of the bid price. The performance bond for the sale is \$900.00, or 10% of the final bid price whichever is greater, to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge, plus a project bond of \$300.00 to be returned upon successful completion of the sale to the satisfaction of the Forester-in-Charge.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945(a)(e) this notice is intended to inform the public that the Division of Forestry has made a final determination under AS 38.05.035(e) that these timber sales are in the best interest of the State and has decided to initiate these forest management actions. The public is invited to review the decision documents. Copies of the decision documents, including the prospectus, sample contract, cruise information, appraisals, bid forms and the Director's written decision under A.S. 38.05.035(e) and other pertinent information are available at the Fairbanks Area Office, 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska or by mail at the same addresses. You may call the Fairbanks Office for information at 907-451-2600. Decision documents may also be viewed on the Division of Forestry's website: http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fairbanks.

The State neither expressly nor implicitly warrants its quantity estimate, or the quality or marketability of the timber sold. Prospective bidders should visit the site and evaluate the timber before bidding. The State neither expressly nor implicitly warrants its improvement estimates. Estimates are used only to establish the minimum bid. Each operator is required to estimate his own costs and bid accordingly.

Timber sales will be sold by oral bid auction. To qualify for bidding, all bidders must at the time of auction submit a **current Alaska Business License** and the minimum bid deposit specified above, in the form of cash,

certified check, cashiers check, money order, or any combination thereof, payable to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources. **Personal checks will not be accepted for the opening bid deposit.** If bidding as an agent for an individual, partnership, or corporation, prior to the start of bidding the agent must present a notarized power-of-attorney authorizing such agency to the auctioneer. No agent may represent more than one principal, or bid in competition with the agent's principal. If no qualified bid is received within the time specified during the auction, the Division of Forestry may offer the sale for purchase over-the-counter without re-advertisement for not less than the advertised minimum bid.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the State will award the sale to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for all the timber. The successful bidder's bid deposit will forfeit to the State as liquidated damages, and the successful bidder will lose all claim to the contract, if the bidder does not execute the contract and furnish a satisfactory performance bond within 30 days of receipt of the contract for execution. The performance bond, plus any project bonds will be in the form of cash or certificate of deposit. Prior to execution of the contract the successful bidder must schedule a pre-operation meeting to review the contract, and submit a logging plan.

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